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THE LEGACY OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Historical Facts about Morganton Public Library

Morganton (Burke County, N.C.)

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Library Established

1923

Notable Librarians

Miss Eugenia Peed was the first librarian at the Morganton Public Library. She began working there on November 2, 1923.

First Bookmobile

A Huppmobile belonging to William McVey, husband of librarian Miltanna Rowe McVey was the first bookmobile. The bookmobile program was established in 1927. The second bookmobile (1945) was a wartime ambulance donated by Burke County Schools.

Important Facts

1923-- A one-room library was opened on the second floor of a downtown Morganton building.

1935-- A beautiful new Morganton library was erected as a gift to the citizens of Morganton and Burke County by the family and friends of Andrew Milton Kistler, Sr., a tannery owner.

1958-- A two-story, L-shaped addition of 5,296 square feet was financed primarily by local industries.